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SUBJECT: MISSION MONTHLY NARCOTICS REVIEW FOR MAY 1974

REF: MEXICO 2923; MEXICO 4098; MEXICO 4359

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1. SUMMARY: MAY WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY AMBASSADOR VANCE'S AND DEA ADMINISTRATOR BARTEL'S CONVERSATIONS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA; AND MOST OF THE MONTH CONSISTED OF FOLLOW-UP TALKS ON A WORKING LEVEL, IN PREPARATION FOR LATER FORMAL AGREEMENTS. THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL REFERRED TO THE DANGER THAT MEXICAN HEROIN MIGHT FILL THE FACUUM LEFT BY THE TURKISH OPIUM BAN; AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCEY RESEARCH UNDERSCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEMAND SIDE AS WELL AS ENFORCEMENT IN COMBATTING DRUG ABUSE. SEIZURES OF HEROIN AND OPIUM WERE DOWN IN MAY, AS WERE ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR OPIUM POPPIES; THIS WAS COUNTERBALANCED BY AN INCREASE IN MARIJUANA SEIZED AND ERADICATED, INDICATING THE END OF THE POPPY HARVEST AND THE BEGINNING OF THE PEAK SEASON FOR MARIJUANA. END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBASSY AND GOM ACTIVITIES

A. THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS CORR DINATOR ATTENDED THE MAY 9 MEETING IN WASHINGTON OF THE LATIN AMERICAN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL. THE MEETING WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO THE MEXICAN PROBLEM, AS PREPARATION FOR THE VISIT TO MEXICO OF AMBASSADOR VANCE AND DEA ADMINISTRATOR BARTELS.

B. ON MAY 11 AND 12 AMBASSADOR VANCE AND MR. BARTELS HELD CORDIAL BUT VERY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE GAMUT OF NARCOTICS QUESTIONS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA, AT THE LATTER'S HOME IN CUERNAVACA. ALSO PARTICIPATING WERE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROSALES MIRANDA AND DR. ALEJANDRO GERTZ ON THE GOM SIDE, AND DEA RD EYMAN, SEAM COORDINATOR MORENO, DRD HEATH AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR ALBERTI ON USG SIDE. THE TALKS LAID BASIS FOR FURTHER, WORKING-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS TO WORK OUT MANIFOLD DETAILS PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF 1974-1975 CAMPAIGN (MEXICO 2923).

C. ON MAY 16 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS BRIEFED ON OPERATION "COMPASS TRIP" BY MR. SCHLESINGER AND DR. SHELDON OF DEA (MEXICO 4098).

D. AS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR VANCE AND MR. BARTELS, ON MAY 24 THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENTED DEA AND EMBOFF WITH A LENGTHY LIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 1974-1975 CAMPAIGN (MEXICO 4359).

E. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROSALES MIRANDA UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR EXTREME VIGILANCE TO PREVENT MEXICAN POPPY CULTIVATORS FROM CAPITALIZING ON THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR MEXICAN HEROIN RESULTING FROM THE TURKISH OPIUM BAN AND THE CRACKDOWN ON MARSEILLES REFINERIES.

F. ON THE PREVENTION/TREATMENT SIDE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCEY RESEARCH, SAID
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IN A SAN LUIS POTOSI SPEECH THAT MEXICAN PROGRAMS TO HALT DRUG ADDICTION HAD FAILED BECAUSE TOTAL EMPHASIS HAD BEEN PLACED ON ENFORCEMENT AND WUJDRVAND SIDE HAD

BEEN NEGLECTED. HE ADDED THAT FOR EVERY YOUTHFUL DRUG USER WHO SEEKS TREATMENT IN AN OFFICIAL INSTITUTION, PERHAPS 150 ARE TREATED IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

3. GOM ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. WITH US AUTHORITIES

4 TONS OF MARIJUANA CONFISCATED NEAR MEXICALI, 3 PERSONS ARRESTED.

10 TONS OF MARIJUANA SEIZED ON TRUCK IN ACAPULCO; OWNER/ DRIVER ARRESTED.

6. TONS OF PACKAGED MARIJUANA TAKEN FROM TRUCK IN ACAPULCO; 2 ARRESTS.

1.5 KG. OPIUM, 1 KG. COCAINE SEIZED AT NUEVO LAREDO; ONE ARREST.

3 LBS COCAINE, 1/2 LB HEROIN TAKEN AT CIUDAD JUAREZ FOLLOWING SHOOTOUT. 12 PERSONS ARRESTED, INCLUDING MEXICAN IMMIGRATION INSPECTOR.

190 GMS COCAINE SEIZED IN GUADALAJARA; 3 PERSONS ARRESTED.

13 OZ COCAINE, 11 OZ HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA AFTER A SHOOTOUT; NO INJURIES, 2 ARRESTS.

556 GM HEROIN SEIZED IN MATAMOROS; 4 ARRESTED.

1.373 KG COCAINE, 100 GM HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA; ONE ARREST.

2 KG HEROIN TAKEN AT NUEVO LAREDO; 4 PERSONS ARRESTED.

B. INDEPENDENT MEXICAN OPERATIONS

2.5 KG HEROIN SEIZED IN MEXICALI CAR; DRIVER ARRESTED.

1.5 TONS PACKAGED MARIJUANA TAKEN FROM TRUCK IN CULIACAN.

2.25 KG COCAINE SEIZED IN MONTERREY; 2 ARRESTS.

1.5 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR CIUDAD VICTORIA; ONE ARREST.

1.5 TONS MARIJUANA TAKEN FROM TRUCK NEAR URUAPAN, MICHOACAN; 2 ARRESTED.

2 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN MEXICALI; ONE ARREST.

2 AMCITS ARRESTED FOR IMPORTING 1 KG COCAINE INTO MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.

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INTERNATIONAL MARIJUANA RING BROKEN IN CIUDAD JUAREZ; 10 ARRESTS.

AMCIT ARRESTED FOR IMPORTING 1.5 KG COCAINE INTO MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.

2.4 KG COCAINE, 900 GM HEROIN SEIZED IN NUEVO LAREDO; 4 ARRESTED.

140 GM HEROIN TAKEN AT NOGALES; ONE ARRESTED.

290 GM COCAINE, 200 GM HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA; 4 ARRESTED.

4 TONS MARIJUANA TAKEN FROM TRUCK IN ACAPULCO; 2 ARRESTS.

2 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR ACAPULCO; 2 ARRESTS.

AMCIT ARRESTED WITH 640 GM HEROIN, FIREARMS IN NUEVO LAREDO.

5 OZS HEROIN SEIZED IN CIUDAD JUAREZ; 2 ARRESTS.

2 KG COCAINE TAKEN FROM CAR NEAR CULIACAN; 2 ARRESTS.

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1 TON MARIJUANA SEIZED ON BISCUIT TRUCK IN MEXICALI; ONE
ARREST.

AMCIT ARRESTED WITH ONE MILLION "MINI-BENNIES" NEAR
ENSENADA.

290 GM COCAINE, 200 GM MORPHINE SEIZED IN THE CAPITAL;

3 ARRESTED FOLLOWING SHOOTOUT.

6.5 TONS PACKAGED MARIJUANA SEIZED IN TIJUANA; 2 ARRESTED.

C. MONTHLY WRAPUP (OFFICIAL GOM)

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED 449

AREA IN SQUARE METERS 1,153,134 M 2

POPPY SEED 2.5 KG

OPIUM GUM 17 KG

HEROIN 2.5 KG

COCAINE 14.630 KG

AMPHETAMINES AND BARBITURATES

TABLETS SEIZED 1,001,120

MARIJUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED 446

AREA IN SQUARE METERS 634,459, M 2

MARIJUANA (DRY) SEIZED 70.7 TONS

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SEED 75 KG

AIRCRAFT SEIZED 1

AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS 105

ARRESTS

FOREIGNERS (MOSTLY US) 31

MEXICAN NATIONALS 266

NOTE: A COMPILATION OF DEA REPORTS AND PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATES THAT THE MONTHLY TOTAL FOR HEROIN SEIZED SHOULD BE CLOSER TO 6.5 KG THAN THE REPORTED 2.5 KG. THIS MAY SIMPLY BE THE RESULT OF DELAYED REPORTING FROM OUTLYING MFJP OFFICES; IF SO, THEN THE LATE REPORTS SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN NEXT MONTH'S TOTALS. ANOTHER VERY GOOD POSSIBILITY IS THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE PRESS ACCOUNTS MAY BE INACCURATE OR DUPLICATIONS OF OTHER REPORTING. WE SHALL AWAIT NEXT MONTH'S GOM STATISTICS WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST, AND IF THE DISCREPANCIES PERSIST BETWEEN OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL REPORTING, SHALL ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE THEM. JOVA

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